[Mr. N. Kumaran.]

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know, Sir, whether tickets are issued to the official members of this House?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Is that the practice in Madras?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I believe it is the practice. I shall ascertain it definitely, if the member so desires.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Can the member say anything upon the subject with reference to May's *Parliamentary Practice*?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is a matter of reference to that book. It will take time.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Is the admission of members to the House of Commons regulated by tickets?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that just now.

College Hostel.

390. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): (*a*) How long has the new College Hostel been in course of construction?

(*b*) How many years more will it take before it is ready for occupation?

(*c*) What is the number of students the new Hostel is intended to accommodate?

(*d*) What would be the total cost when the building is ready for occupation?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Over four years.

(*b*) It is expected that one wing will be ready for occupation before the commencement of the academic year 1925-26. The date of completion will depend upon the funds that can be made available for the purpose.

(*c*) 150.

(*d*) It is not possible now to estimate the total cost.

Admission of Ezhava Students in the Hostel.

391. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): (*a*) Is it not the concern of the Government that Ezhava students of the Arts, Science and Law Colleges, should also have hostel accommodation provided for them?

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(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to issue early orders so that these students may have accommodation at least from the commencement of the academic year 1924-25 either in the present rented buildngs or other buildings to be specially rented for the purpose?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) At the beginning of the academic year 1923-24, Government were prepared to open a hostel for non-caste Hindus, for Christians not living in the L. M. S. hostel and for Mahomedans not living in the Mahomedan hostel. Only 14 students, however, applied for residence in that hostel, of whom only two were Ezhavas. The hostel could not therefore be opened.

Construction of a new Building for the Trivandrum District Court.

392. MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state what portion of the sanctioned allotment for the construction of a new building for the Trivandrum District Court has been spent towards the same, and what progress has been made in the construction of the new building?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The construction of the building has not been started, nor has any portion of the allotment been spent on the work.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know why the construction of the building has not been started?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because the funds cannot be made available, in view of more urgent demands in other directions.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether they have been so diverted?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They have not been.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Then, what is the meaning in saying that this work has not been started in view of more urgent works?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The funds provided may be required for more urgent works.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know the nature of those works?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not possible for me to specify them now. For example, we have a lot of urgent works to be done in connection with the separation of the Arts College from the Science College.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know when this allotment was made?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): At the time of the budget.

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